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Continued Examination (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/385,597
Filing Date	August 30, 1999
Examiner Name	Le, Uyen Chau N
First Named Inventor	James A. Parker
Art Unit	2876
Attorney Docket Number	283-205 CIP 1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a. ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Miscellaneous**
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
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Name (Print /Type)	George S. Blasiak	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	37,283
Signature	<i>George S. Blasiak</i>	Date	March 7, 2005

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# **FEE TRANSMITTAL** **For FY 2005**

☒ Application claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT \$790.00

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## **Complete if Known**

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## **FEE CALCULATION**

### **1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		
Application Type	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fees Paid (\$)
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

### **2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)
- 20 or HP =	x	=
HP= highest paid number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20		
Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)
- 3 or HP =	x	=
HP =highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3		

### **3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a) (1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
- 100 =	/ 50 =	(round up to a whole number) x	=	

### **4. OTHER FEES**

	Fees Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other: Request for Continued Examination	\$790.00

## **SUBMITTED BY**

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